

The President laid before the Senate the following letter :

WASHINGTON, March 8th, 1860.

TO THE HON. J. B. BROOKE,

*President of the Senate, and*

THE HON. E. G. KILBOURN,

*Speaker of the House of Delegates:*

GENTLEMEN :—I acknowledge the receipt of the letter which you did me the honor to address to me, informing me that the Legislature had elected me to represent the State, in the Senate of the United States, for the period of six years from the fourth of March, 1861.

I receive, with unaffected sensibility, this proof of the continued confidence of the Legislature, and in accepting the trust with which I am thus honored, acknowledge the obligation which it imposes to devote my best abilities and energies to the service of the State and of the Union.

I beg you to accept, gentlemen, for yourselves, assurances of the respect and esteem, with which I am,

Your obedient servant,

JAS. ALFRED PEARCE.

Which was read, and ordered to be printed upon the Journal.

Mr. Gardiner submitted the following message :

*By the Senate,*

March 9th, 1860.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

We propose, with the concurrence of your House, to appoint 2 o'clock, P. M., this day, for the election of three Tobacco Commissioners, as provided for by the bill just passed.

We have appointed Messrs. Gardiner and Grahame, to unite with such gentlemen as may be selected by your House, to carry into effect the object of this message.

By order,

W. KILGOUR,

Secretary.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the House of Delegates.